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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

BEIRUT FOR AID/AAO

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM MINISTER OF
TRANSPORT OF GOVERNMENT MALDIVES (GOM) REQUESTING

ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR MALDIVIAN
NATIONAL WHO WILL BECOME OFFICER CONCERNED WITH CIVIL
AVIATION. CEYLONSE HAVE CURRENTLY SECONDED THEIR
DEPUTY DPECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TO HELP MALDIVIANS
OUT IN THIS REGARD BUT HE WILL BE UNABLE TO STAY IN
MALDIVES INDEFINITELY.

2. MINISTER REQUESTS AID TO SEND OFFICER OF MINISTRY
OF TRANSPORT TO UNIVERSITY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN PROPER
ACADEMIC BACKGROUND WHICH WOULD HELP PREPARE HIM TO
ASSUME THESE NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. GOM WANTS OFFICER
TO RECEIVE AT LEAST "FIRST DEGREE" (PRESUMABLY A.B.).
GOM SUGGESTS COURSES MAY BE IN ECONOMIC WITH SOME
SPECIALIZATION IN TRANSPORTATION ECONOMICS, PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND ALLIED
SUBJECTS.

3. EMBASSY BELIVES THIS IS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
TO PROVIDE SMALL AMOUNT OF USEFUL ASSISTANCE TO
GOM. AUB WOULD BE BEST PLACE FOR SUCH STUDY, IF
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SUITABLE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE, DUE TO ONGOING

AID SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM THERE FOR FOUR OTHER
MALDIVIAN STUDENTS WHICH WOULD EASE PROBLEMS OF
ADJUSTMENT. WE ALSO REQUEST THAT AID
SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS BE PROVIDED TO UNDERWRITE THIS
PROGRAM OF STUDY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING WASHINGTON'S AND BEIRUT'S COMMENTS.
VAN HOLLEN

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